

## **COLOSSAL DERMOID CYST OF OVARY OF OVER FIFTY YEARS' GROWTH.**

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THE accompanying illustration is contributed as an exhibit of a dermoid cyst of the ovary of unusual size and duration of growth, since cysts of that class seldom exceed in size a man's head.

The subject was a maiden lady, 60 years of age, in whom an enlargement within the abdomen was first noticed when she was ten years of age. It was then attributed to a fall sustained a short time previous. It slowly increased in size and made the greater part of her life one of invalidism. She finally, in September, 1906, entered the Danbury Hospital, that the tumor might be removed. This was done happily, September 17, and was followed by an uncomplicated recovery. The weight of the cyst and its contents was 32 pounds. The photograph (Figure 1) was taken immediately before the operation.



FIG. 1.—Dermoid cyst of ovary of fifty years' standing. Weight 32 pounds. Prompt recovery. Removed at Danbury Hospital September, 1905.